IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 - 17 and add new Claims 18 - 49 as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-17 (Canceled)

- 18. (New) A device for heating food by means of induction, comprising:

 heating means including a secondary winding formed from a current conductor
 and a heating element connected to said winding; and
 a winding core disposed inside said secondary winding.
- 19. (New) The device according to claim 18, including said winding core configured as substantially rotationally symmetrical.
- 20. (New) The device according to claim 18, including said winding core configured as a pot core.
- 21. (New) The device according to claim 20, including said winding includes a central column having a first axial height and an annular side wall having a second axial height different from said first axial height.
- 22. (New) The device according to claim 18, including said winding core includes a plurality of core elements.
- 23. (New) The device according to claim 22, including said core elements arranged on a substantially circular path and configured substantially as circular-ring-segment-shaped.
- 24. (New) The device according to claim 23, including said core elements formed substantially U-shaped in one radial cross-section.

- 25. (New) The device according to claim 23, including said core elements formed substantially E-shaped in one radial cross-section.
- 26. (New) The device according to claim 22, including retaining means which interconnect said core elements in a load-bearing manner.
- 27. (New) The device according to claim 26, including said retaining means include a printed circuit board.
- 28. (New) The device according to claim 26, including said retaining means configured as substantially ring-shaped.
- 29. (New) The device according to claim 18, including said winding arranged on a printed circuit board.
- 30. (New) The device according to claim 18, including said winding arranged as substantially spiral-shaped.
- 31. (New) The device according to claim 18, including said heating element includes the same number of substantially identical heating conductors as the winding core has core elements.
- 32. (New) The device according to claim 31, including at least two heating conductors are arranged substantially symmetrically with respect to one another and especially in a substantially circular heating area.
- 33. (New) The device according to claim 31, including said heating conductors arranged in a substantially circular heating area and each said heating conductor arranged substantially uniformly distributed in a piece-of-cake-shaped segment.

- (New) A device for transmitting energy to a device for heating food by means of induction, comprising:
 a primary winding formed from a current conductor and connected to a voltage source; and
 a winding core located inside said primary winding.
- 35. (New) The device according to claim 34, including said winding core configured as substantially rotationally symmetrical.
- 36. (New) The device according to claim 34, including said winding core configured as a pot core.
- 37. (New) The device according to claim 36, including said winding includes a central column having a first axial height and an annular side wall having a second axial height different from said first axial height.
- 38. (New) The device according to claim 34, including said winding core includes a plurality of core elements.
- 39. (New) The device according to claim 38, including said core elements arranged on a substantially circular path and configured substantially as circular-ring-segment-shaped.
- 40. (New) The device according to claim 38, including said core elements formed substantially U-shaped in one radial cross-section.
- 41. (New) The device according to claim 38, including said core elements formed substantially E-shaped in one radial cross-section.

- 42. (New) The device according to claim 38, including retaining means which interconnect said core elements in a load-bearing manner.
- 43. (New) The device according to claim 42, including said retaining means include a printed circuit board.
- 44. (New) The device according to claim 42, including said retaining means configured as substantially ring-shaped.
- 45. (New) The device according to claim 34, including said winding arranged on a printed circuit board.
- 46. (New) The device according to claim 34, including said winding arranged as substantially spiral-shaped.
- 47. (New) The device according to claim 34, including said heating element includes the same number of substantially identical heating conductors as the winding core has core elements.
- 48. (New) The device according to claim 47, including at least two heating conductors are arranged substantially symmetrically with respect to one another and especially in a substantially circular heating area.
- 49. (New) The device according to claim 47, including said heating conductors arranged in a substantially circular heating area and each said heating conductor arranged substantially uniformly distributed in a piece-of-cake-shaped segment.